

Project Factsheet for: Maquoketa River, Manchester, Iowa (COMPLETED)

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Project Location Information

Location: The City of Manchester, Delaware County, is located along Highway 20 west of Dubuque, Iowa.

River Basin(s): Mississippi

State(s): IA

Congressional District(s): IA-1

Status

The Initial Assessment Phase has been completed and determined that there is not a Corps interest in further study of the flood damage reduction options.

Description

The western portion of the central business district in the City of Manchester, Iowa is within the 100-year floodplain of the Maquoketa River and is subject to flash flooding, threatening up to 10 businesses. Flood response time can be as little as three hours. Several homes and a city park also lie in the floodplain. The City has experienced serious flooding in 1993, 1998, and 1999. An existing levee constructed by the community provides a low level of protection, but may lengthen the duration and increase the magnitude of interior flooding events.

A small dam located upstream of the City on the Maquoketa River is in poor condition and poses a possible threat to the City. During the 1999 flood, 75 people were evacuated due to the possibility of dam failure.

The Initial Assessment considered various flood damage reduction alternatives, including the construction of a new levee, modifications to the existing flood protection works and a flood warning system.

Authority

CA - Continuing Authorities - Section 205 --

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